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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S DRAFT TEXT FOR VIP SPEECH AT
MAY 17 OPENING OF FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON EXHIBIT IN WARSAW:

1. IN BRINGING THIS EXHIBIT TO WARSAW, WE ARE GRATEFUL
FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE POLISH MINISTRY OF CULTURE
AND FINE ART, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND OTHER POLISH
MUSEUMS, THE IBM COROPORATION, THE U.S. INFORMATION
AGENCY, AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL
ADMINISTRATION.

2. IN 1776, THE UNITED STATES BEGAN ITS LONG JOURNEY
TO INDEPENDENCE. IN THE SAME YEAR, THE POLISH PATRIOT,
THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO, ARRIVED TO DEDICATE HIMSELF TO THE
IDEALS OF THE YOUNG AMERICAN REPUBLIC. THUS, AT THE
VERY INCEPTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HISTORIES
OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES WERE JOINED--A PROCESS
WHICH WAS TO REPEAT ITSELF WITH CUMULATIVE FORCE
DURING EH NEXT TWO CENTURIES. FAR APART
GEOGRAPHICALLY, THE TWO NATIONS HAVE TRADITIONALLY
BEEN UNITED BY COMMON PRINCIPLES AND VISION.

3. THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC TOUCHED THE IDEALISM AND
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DREAMS OF MAY POLES. THE GREAT POLISH WRITER

SIEKIEWICZ OBSERVED DURING HIS 19TH-CENTURY TRAVELS IN THE UNITED STATES: "AMERICAN DEMOCRACY APPROACHES NEAREST THAT IDEAL SOCIETY FOR WHICH WE HAVE STRIVEN THROUGH THE YEARS".

4. THIS PROMISE DREW THE CONSTANT STREAM OF IMMIGRANTS, INCLUDING MILLIONS OF POLES, WHO CAME TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PAST 200 YEARS. THEY GAVE TEXTURE AND PERMANENCE TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. A FRONTIER WAS HARNESSSED. GREAT CITIES AND INDUP)'@R

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